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SUBJECT: US ARMS SALES POLICY

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- 1. FOLLOWING ARE SUPPLEMENTARY TALKING POINTS WHICH MAY BE DRAWN UPON IN EXPLAINING THE PRESIDENTIAL DECISION ON US ARMS SALES POLICY REFTEL.
- 2. THE US WILL CONTINUE TO UTILIZE ARMS TRANSFERS TO PROMOTE THE SECURITY OF OUR ALLIES AND CLOSE FRIENDS, INCLUDING THE THAI. OUR BASIC SECURITY COMMITMENT TO AND MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE THAI WILL NOT BE ALTERED. CONFIDENTIAL

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- 3. THE PROVISIONS OUTLINED IN REFTEL ARE NOT RETROACTIVE AND PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS/COMMITMENTS BY THE US, SUCH AS AIT, WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.
- 4. IF ASKED ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THE NEW POLICY ON THE THAI REQUEST FOR THE TOW, YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT THE

SUBJECT IS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW IN WASHINGTON.

5. YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT ALTHOUGH THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT DIRECTLY LINKED SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND HUMAN

RIGHTS ISSUES IN THAILAND, THE NEW ARMS TRANSFER POLICY REFLECTS THE FACT THAT THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT HUMAN RIGHTS IN MAKING ARMS TRANSFER DECISIONS. VANCE

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